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SUMMARY: THREE PERSONS, TWO FOREIGNERS AND ONE NORWEGIAN,  
WERE ARRESTED IN BERGEN AND STORD (NEAR BERGEN) ON DEC 17,  
CHARGED WITH POSSESSION, USE AND TRANSPORTING HEROIN.  
EVIDENCE INCLUDED TOTAL OF 17 GRAMS PURE HEROIN AND SOME  
HASHISH, RAIL AND AIRPLANE TICKETS (LATTER TO AMSTERDAM  
AND RETURN), AND AROUND \$1,000 WORTH OF NORWEGIAN AND  
GERMAN CURRENCY. SUSPECTS, INCLUDING 22 YEAR-OLD AMERICAN,  
BEING HELD IN FOUR-WEEK DETENTION WITHOUT  
LETTER OR VISITOR PRIVILEGES PENDING TRIAL SET FOR JANUARY 17.  
ARRESTS ARE PART OF ACTIVE CRACKDOWN BY POLICE IN WEST NORWAY  
DUE TO SHOCK AND INCREASED AWARENESS OF NARCOTICS PROBLEM  
FOLLOWING DEC 4 RAID AT OSLO AIRPORT (REFTEL C). END SUMMARY.  
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1. BERGEN POLICE SIEZED A 24 YEAR-OLD AUSTRALIAN MAN IN BERGEN  
RAILROAD STATION DEC 17 IN POSSESSION OF 13 GRAMS OF PURE HEROIN,  
WHICH WAS CONCEALED IN HIS UNDERWEAR. SUSPECT ALSO HAD ROUND  
TRIP BERGEN-OSLO TICKET AND NK 3000 AND DM 900. SUSPECT RESIDED  
AT STORD (NEAR BERGEN) AND HAD BEEN UNEMPLOYED SINCE OCT. POLICE

INVESTIGATION SHOWED HE HAD MADE TWO ROUND TRIPS TO AMSTERDAM IN THE LAST MONTH. SUSPECT ADMITTED USE AND POSSESSION OF HEROIN AT ARRAIGNMENT HEARING.

2. A 22 YEAR-OLD AMERICAN MAN AND 17 YEAR-OLD NORWEGIAN GIRL WERE SEIZED SAME DAY AT STORD BY HORDALAND POLICE AND CHARGED WITH HEROIN USE AND POSSESSION. THEY ALSO ADMITTED TO THE CHARGES. TWO SUSPECTS WERE FOUND WITH TWO GRAMS HEROIN ON EACH OF THEM. AMERICAN ALSO HAD ROUND TRIP AIR TICKET STAVANGER-AMSTERDAM WITH HIM AT TIME OF ARREST.

3. ALL THREE ADMITTED TO CHARGES IN ARRAIGNMENT HEARING AND ARE BEING HELD IN FOUR WEEKS DETENTION WITHOUT LETTER AND VISITOR PRIVILEGES AT BERGEN'S KRETSFENGSA PRISON. ARRAIGNMENT HEARING WAS HELD DEC 20 AT BERGEN. NAME OF AMERICAN WITHHELD AT HIS REQUEST. NAMES OF OTHER TWO NOT REVEALED BY NORWEGIAN POLICE.

4. SEIZURE OF THE THREE YOUTHS WAS CULMINATION OF EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION BY HORDALAND POLICE, ASSISTED BY BERGEN POLICE AND CENTRAL CRIMINAL POLICE OF OSLO, AND WAS PART OF LARGER CRACKDOWN ON NARCOTICS IN WESTERN NORWAY. POLICE BELIEVE THEY HAVE ESTABLISHED CONNECTION BETWEEN THE STORD ARRESTS AND MORPHINE SALES DISCOVERED RECENTLY IN SMALL PORT CITY OF HAUGESUND NEAR STAVANGER. CRACKDOWN HAS NETTED SEVERAL ARRESTS IN DECEMBER, INCLUDING 37 YEAR-OLD AMERICAN APPREHENDED IN STAVANGER DEC 15 IN POSSESSION OF 100-300 GRAMS OF HASHISH.

5. COMMENT: NORWEGIAN AWARENESS OF THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM WAS RAISED BY DRAMATIC RAID AT OSLO AIRPORT DEC 4 RESULTING IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPREHENSION OF TWO ORIENTALS WITH 16 KILOS OF HEROIN (REPORTED REFTEL C). MAJOR CONCERN HAS BEEN NORWAY HAS BECOME TRANSIT POINT ON FAR EAST TO WESTERN EUROPE TRAFFICKING ROUTE, BUT NOW APPARENT THAT HARD DRUGS FROM THIS TRAFFICING FINDING WAY INTO INCREASINGLY AFFLUENT NORWEGIAN SOCIETY. DEC 4 AIRPORT RAID HAD SOMETHING OF SHOCK EFFECT ON COUNTRY, AND PRESS, PARLIAMENTARIANS AND OTHER LEADERS HAVE SINCE BEEN CALLING FOR STRONGER ANTI-NARCOTIC MEASURES BY GON. PARLIAMENT APPROVED WIRE TAPPING IN NARCOTICS CASES (WITH STRICT CONTROLS) IN DECEMBER, AND MINISTRY OF JUSTICE HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO INTENSIFY ITS DRUG CONTROL EFFORTS, INCLUDING CLOSE COORDINATION BETWEEN JUSTICE MINISTRY (INCLUDING POLICE AND IMMIGRATION) AND CUSTOMS, FERRY LANDING AND AIRPORT OFFICERS. JUSTICE MINISTER VALLE IN RECENT STATEMENT EMPHASIZED NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO COPE WITH NARCOTICS PROBLEM AND SAID SHE WOULD WORK WITH NORDIC JUSTICE MINISTERS TO DEVELOP INITIATIVE TO LAY BEFORE COUNCIL OF EUROPE OR UN.

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